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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2336-041 Georgia]

#### Georgia Power Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

March 2, 2000.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47910), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has prepared a final environmental assessment (FEA) for Georgia Power Company's proposal to permit Lambert Sand and Gravel Company to remove sediments by mechanical dredging from the Yellow and South River sections of the project reservoir (Lake Jackson). The Lloyd Shoals Project is located on the Ocumulgee River and its tributaries in Henry, Butts, Jasper, and Newton Counties, Georgia.

The FEA is attached to a Commission order issued on February 15, 2000 for the above application. Copies of the FEA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371. The FEA may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). In the FEA, staff concludes that approval of the licensee's proposal would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

**David P. Boergers,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2230-028]

#### City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

March 3, 2000.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the City and Borough of Sitka's application filed on November 1, 1999, requesting the Commission's authorization to permit the Global Water Corporation to construct and operate a new, buried, raw water pipeline across project lands, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed action.

The proposed project would include the following specific elements: (1) a tap into the City's existing Pulp Mill Feeder Unit powerhouse tailrace structure (diffusion chamber); and (2) a new 20-inch-diameter, raw water pipeline that would affect approximately 200 feet of City-owned project land located adjacent to the existing powerhouse access road. The proposed pipeline then would extend across non-project lands owned by the State of Alaska situated adjacent to Sawmill Creek Road, and would terminate at Silver Bay where a new mooring facility for loading bulk water into tanker ships would be constructed.

After completion, the pipeline would be used to transport approximately 11,800 acre-feet per year (10.6 million gallons per day) of water from the Blue Lake reservoir to tankers for shipment to purchasers. Blue Lake Project, which was licensed in April 1958, includes a 205-foot-high, concrete arch dam, 1,225-acre reservoir, three powerhouses, and appurtenant facilities, all of which are located within the Borough of Sitka, Alaska.

In the EA, staff indicates that construction of the subject raw water pipeline would result in some minor, short-term adverse impacts to area soils and wildlife. Further, the document indicates that licensee's proposed water withdrawals from Blue Lake reservoir would not result in any major, long-term adverse environmental impacts provided that the order approving the proposed project prohibits water withdrawals when: (1) the elevation of Blue Lake reservoir is at or below the licensee's established rule curve values;

and (2) the withdrawals would interfere with the provision of minimum flows in Sawmill Creek, which are required by Article 401 of the existing license. The EA concludes that approval of the proposed amendment of license with the aforementioned conditions does not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA has been attached to and made part of an Order Approving Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters, issued February 23, 2000, for the Blue Lake Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2230-028. See 90 FERC ¶ 62,132. Also, the EA is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. Further, the document may be viewed on the Web at [www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm](http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm). Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-82-000]

#### Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Pleasant Hill Power Plant Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

March 2, 2000.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Pleasant Hill Power Plant Project involving the construction and operation of natural gas transmission facilities by Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams) in Franklin County, Kansas and Cass and Johnson Counties, Missouri.<sup>1</sup> These proposed facilities would consist of about 1.5 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline and 2,890 horsepower (hp) of compression. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the

<sup>1</sup> Williams' application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.